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To: Examiner Marc McDieunel
 Group Art Unit: 3664
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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 and Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/563,116
 Docket No.: FP04001-US-P/MM/Ct

Dear Examiner McDieunel:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on November 26, 2008, along with two copies of the Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosures

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In re patent application of:

Katsunori Sakata et al.

Serial No.: 10/563,116

Group Art Unit: 3664

Filing Date: April 14, 2006

Examiner: Marc McDieunel

For: TRANSPORTING APPARATUS AND TRANSPORTING CONTROL
METHOD FOR THIN PLATEHonorable Commissioner for Patents
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JAN 27 2009EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.


| | <u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u> | <u>PREV. PAID FOR</u> | <u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>FEE DUE</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Claims | 23 | 22 | = 1 | x \$ 52.00 | \$ 52.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 3 | 3 | = 0 | x \$ 220.00 | \$ |

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT**\$ 52.00**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 in the amount of \$52.00 to cover the excess claim fees.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Application as follows: